AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following header and paragraph on page 1 immediately following the title:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national phase of International Application No. PCT/DK2003/000537, filed August 12, 2003, which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2) as International Publication No. WO 2004/014821, and claims the benefit of Danish Application No. PA 2002 01201, filed August 12, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/403,088, filed August 12, 2002.

Please replace the paragraph at page 37, lines 26-29 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably, R is cyano in the compounds of ~~romula~~ formulas (II),(IIs),(IIr), $(IV)_2$ $(IVs)_2$ $(IVr)_2$ and (V). If R is not cyano, conversion of the group R to a cyano group is suitably carried out after ~~ringclosure~~ ring closure to form a compound of formula (V).

Please replace the paragraph at page 37, lines 30-34 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably, Hal is fluoro in the compounds of ~~romula~~ formulas (II), (IIs), (IIr), $(IV)_2$ $(IVs)_2$ $(IVr)_2$ and (V). If Hal is not fluoro, conversion of the group Hal to a fluoro is suitably carried out after ~~ringclosure~~ ring closure to form a compound of formula (V). A procedure for carrying out this conversion is described in Speciality Chemicals Magazine, April 2003, page 36- 38.

Please replace the paragraph at page 40, line 33 to page 41, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

In the compounds of ~~romula~~ formulas (II), (IIs),(IIr), $(IV)_2$ $(IVs)_2$ $(IVr)_2$ and (V), the dotted line is preferably a single bond. Compounds wherein the dotted line represents a double bond may be converted to the corresponding compound wherein the dotted line is a single bond by the methods described in WO 01/68630. Preferably the reduction is carried out after ~~ringclosure~~ ring closure.